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National Commission for Protection of Child Rights
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New Delhi-110001

25th November, 2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Minutes of the 44th Statutory Meeting of the Commission held on 9th November, 2020 in the Conference Room (2nd Floor) of NCPCR.

Kindly find enclosed herewith a copy of the minutes of the 44th Statutory Meeting of the Commission held on 9th November, 2020, duly approved by the Chairperson, NCPCR, for information and necessary action.


(Rupali Banerjee Singh)
Member Secretary

Encl./As Above:

To

1. The Chairperson
2. Member (YJ)/Member (RGA) / Member (PP)/ Member (RT)
3. Registrar
4. Advisor (Education / Programme)
5. Sr. CL (Legal)
6. STE (Child Health) / STE (NE Cell)
7. Assistant Director
8. PPS to Member Secretary
9. Minutes Register/Guard File.

Minutes of the 44th Statutory Meeting of the Commission held on 9th November, 2020 in the Conference Room (2nd floor) of NCPCR, Chanderlok Building, Janpath, New Delhi.

The 44th Statutory Meeting of the Commission was held on 09.11.2020 at 3:00 p.m. in the Conference Room (2nd floor) of NCPCR. The following were present:

1. Shri Priyank Kanoongo, Chairperson
2. Shri Yashwant Jain, Member
3. Dr. R.G. Anand, Member
4. Ms. Pragna Parande, Member
5. Ms. Rosy Taba, Member
6. Ms. Rupali Banerjee Singh, Member Secretary

The meeting commenced with a welcome note and brief introductory remarks by the Chairperson.

Confirmation of the Minutes of 43rd Statutory Meeting of the Commission held on 10.08.2020:

The Chairperson informed that the Minutes of the 43rd Statutory Meeting of the Commission were treated as confirmed as no comments were received.

Action Taken Reports (ATRs) on decisions taken in the 43rd Statutory Meeting of the Commission held on 10.08.2020:

Action Taken Reports (ATRs) on decisions taken in the 43rd Statutory Meeting of the Commission were reviewed by the Commission. MS was asked to put up the current status of ATRs on file.

Pending Action Taken Reports (ATRs) on decisions taken in the 30th to 42nd Statutory Meetings of the Commission:

Pending Action Taken Reports (ATRs) on decisions taken in the 30th to 42nd Statutory Meetings of the Commission were also reviewed by the Commission. MS was asked to put up the current status of pending ATRs on file.



I. AGENDA ITEMS PROPOSED BY MEMBER (PSYCHOLOGY / SOCIOLOGY) - DR. R.G. ANAND:

Agenda Item No.1: Collaboration with NACO for sensitization and capacity building of counsellors and care givers of various NGOs/ institutions engaged under the purview of NCPCR/SCPCRs on the issues related to Children Living with HIV:

A virtual meeting was held between NACO and NCPCR on 31st August 2020 to strengthen partnership between NACO and NCPCR to explore areas of collaboration and evolve workable strategies for protection of child rights primarily Children affected by AIDS (CABA). It was decided in the meeting that collaboration for sensitization and capacity building of counsellors and care givers of various Child Care institutions on the issues related to Children Living with HIV will be conducted jointly by NCPCR and NACO.

It is proposed to conduct Sensitization-cum-Capacity Building Programmes virtually for Counsellors and Care Givers of Child Care Institutions with NACO.

Decision: The proposal was approved in principle and the Member was asked to put up the proposal on file.

[Action: Member (RGA)]

Agenda Item No.2: Merger of Agenda Item No.1 “Survey / Profiling of Counsellors in Observation Homes, Place of Safety and Special Homes” of 39th Statutory Meeting; and Agenda Item No.6 “Training of Trainers (TOT) for Counselors on Psychological Trauma Assessment and Intervention for Child Abuse in 5 regions:” of 41st Statutory Meeting with KAVAL – Kerala state model for psychosocial care for children in conflict with law:

It is proposed to conduct a standard training across the country on a common curriculum, to build up the capacity of the stakeholders through skill training program to provide psychosocial care for children in conflict with law. The model is designed by Government of Kerala, Department of Women and Child Development with technical support from Department Of Psychiatric Social Work, NIMHANS for social reintegration of children in conflict with law through psychosocial approach.

Objectives of the KAVAL Project are - to understand the psychosocial problems among children in conflict with law; to develop intervention module for working with children in conflict with law by the service providers; to train various stake holders and institutionalize psychosocial care in existing services for children in conflict with law; and To incorporate psychosocial care in the existing services for children in conflict with law in all districts of Kerala in subsequent phases.



The said model is very comprehensive and useful in Observation Homes. It is proposed to hold virtual trainings of Observation Homes care givers (Superintendents, Counsellors, Case workers) on KAVAL project in all the 5 regions - north, east, west, south and north-east.

Decision: This was noted by the Commission. The Member was asked to put up the proposal on file.

[Action: Member (RGA)]

Agenda Item No.3: Preparation of Mental Health Directory at both State and District Level:

The world is experiencing the unprecedented impact of the current global health emergency due to COVID-19 that has also impacted on the mental health of millions of people. NCPCR with I-CAN has established a network of Counsellors/Psychologists/Experts to provide psycho social first aid and emotional support to children affected during COVID-19 pandemic through SAMVEDNA- toll free tele-counselling. It is extremely important for the Commission to have a Mental Health Directory at both State and District level to ascertain the referrals required even in the far flung areas of the country and reach with maximum support to the last child in need.

It is proposed that directory shall include complete contact details of Psychiatrist, Psychologist and ICPS Counsellors available in the respective state and district.

Decision: The proposal was approved in principle and the Member was asked to put up the proposal on file.

[Action: Member (RGA)]

II. AGENDA ITEMS PROPOSED BY MEMBER (JUVENILE JUSTICE) – MS. PRAGNA PARANDE:

Agenda Item No.4: Regional Consultation on the implementation of Foster Care:

The Juvenile Justice Act, 2015 is envisaged in a manner to ensure that the child is given family support. One of the ways this aim is realized is under the provisions of Foster care expressed in Chapter VII, Section 44 of the Act. The lack of proper implementation of foster care scheme in various states hinders the rehabilitation of children. It is important to conduct regional consultation with various stakeholders on the issue of foster care and ensure the implementation of the same. Subject to approval, shall be transferred to Research and Programmes Cell.

Decision: It was decided that the proposal shall be examined and processed by Programme Division.

Action: Programme Division]



Agenda Item No.5: Training of Stakeholders of Child Care Institutions (CCIs):

The recent cases of child exploitation in child care institutions across India highlighted the lack of proper and periodic training to the stakeholders of child care institutions. The pandemic's impact has made children more vulnerable to exploitation. The child care institution should be safe haven for such children, not another place for exploitation. District and state level online training will be conducted with the stakeholders of child care institutions to ensure sensitization and implementation of the provisions of Juvenile Justice Act, 2015. Subject to approval, shall be transferred to Research and Programmes Cell.

Decision: It was decided that the proposal shall be examined and processed by Programme Division.

[Action: Programme Division]

Agenda Item No.6: Transfer of all programs to the Research and Programme Cell:

The Commission may find the following agenda items proposed for transfer to the Research and Programme Cell for their conduct:

- Sensitization and Training of the stakeholders defined under the Juvenile Justice (Care & Protection of Children) Act, 2015 in collaboration with National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and Universities imparting Legal Education. Pan India
- Preparing modules and providing effective training to police officers in collaboration with the Bureau of Police Research & Development (BP&RD)
- One- Day National level Workshop on Child Trafficking, kidnapping and modern forms of slavery in the society in alliance with the Anti-Human Trafficking Units
- To empower the differently abled children and children with special needs residing within the bounds of Child Care Institutions in India by ensuring appropriate skill development by trained professionals of National Skill Development Agency (NSDA), an autonomous body of the Ministry of Skill Development and entrepreneurship
- Conduct a study to review and strengthening of the aftercare policy and schemes of the states with respect to the children leaving CCIs in consonance with the JJ Act, 2015
- To review and conduct National Level Consultations with stakeholders on contemporary challenges, best practices and welfare schemes for realization of orphan rights in consonance with JJ Act, 2015



- Conduct a study to review the impact of COVID-19 on the protection framework for disabled children within the States/UTs in consonance with the JJ Act, 2015
- One Day National Level Workshop on Child Trafficking, kidnapping and modern forms of slavery in the society in alliance with the Anti-Human Trafficking Units for health care professionals

Decision: It was decided that all the above programmes shall be examined and processed by the Programme Division.

[Action: Programme Division]

III. AGENDA ITEM PROPOSED BY CHILD HEALTH DIVISION:

Agenda Item No.7: Joint Action Plan for Prevention of drugs and substance use among children:

A meeting between DG, NCB and Chairperson, NCPCR was held to discuss issues of drugs and substance use among children and illicit trafficking. It was decided in the meeting that NCPCR and NCB with all the concerned Ministries and Departments will draft a Joint Action Plan for Prevention of drugs and substance use among children. The Commission is in the process of drafting the Joint Action Plan. The draft will be circulated for comments / inputs in the Commission and final Joint Action Plan will be launched during international Child Rights Week in November, 2020.

Decision: This was noted by the Commission.

[Action: Child Health Division]

IV. AGENDA ITEM PROPOSED BY EDUCATION DIVISION:

Agenda Item No.8: New Education Policy 2020: Actionable Points/Framework for Implementation:

The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR), within its mandate u/s 13 (1) of CPC Act, 2005, has always endeavoured to contribute in successful execution of polices and laws and make it reach to the last child of the country. In addition, NCPCR is the monitoring authority of the RTE Act, 2009 and also looks into issues related to education of all children. The section on school education in the National Education Policy 2020, was reviewed and the mechanisms on how the policy objectives can be achieved through collective responsibility have been suggested. The document has been shared with Ministry of Education and NITI Aayog.

This is for kind information of the Commission.

Decision: This was noted by the Commission.

[Action: Education Division]



V. **TABLE ITEMS PROPOSED BY MEMBER (PSYCHOLOGY / SOCIOLOGY) - DR. R.G. ANAND:**

Agenda Item No.9: Extension of SAMVEDNA (Sensitizing Action on Mental Health Vulnerability through Emotional Development and Necessary Acceptance) to other issues being faced by the Children along with COVID.

In reference to the existing services of SAMVEDNA, it is observed that we are receiving calls of children for various other issues as well along with COVID. Children have reached out to us for issues such as anxiety, education, issues regarding emotional health etc. Thus on the basis of the analysis of the nature of calls, it is proposed to extend the services to children for various other issues that they have been facing and provide them with the support by extending the scope of services of SAMVEDNA

Decision: The Member was asked to put up the proposal on file.

[Action: Member (RGA)]

Agenda Item No.10: Promotion of Positive Mental Health for staff of NCPCR:

Considering the Pandemic and the Mental Health depletion that has happened a very good response has been received from the staff of NCPCR to child psychology and sociology division regarding the tele-counseling initiated. Thus, being cognizant about the issues that the staff of NCPCR might also be facing during COVID-19 pandemic, it is proposed to organise motivational talks/workshop and to have a motivational visit for all the staff of NCPCR to ashram of Brahmakumari's to regain mental peace and focus on the importance of mental health.

Decision: This was noted by the Commission and Member was asked to put up the proposal on file.

[Action: Member (RGA)]

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

